

When null and void. lists are not of the character embraced by such acts of congress or the acts of the general assembly of the state, and are not intended to be granted thereby, the lists, so far as these lands are concerned, shall be perfectly null and void, and of no force or effect whatever: *Provided*, that no lands now in suit shall be included in such lists until said suits are determined and such lands adjudged to be the property of the company: *Provided further*, that the register shall not include, in any of the lists so certified to the state which have been adjudicated by the proper courts to belong to any other grant, or adjudicated to belong to any county or individual under the swamp land grant, or any homestead or preemption settlement. Nor shall said certificate so issued confer any right or title as against any person or company having any vested right, either legal or equitable, to any of the lands so certified."

Approved, March 26, 1880.

CHAPTER 168.

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.

S. F. 297. AN ACT to Provide for the Appointment of a Commissioner of Immigration, and to Define his Duties, and to Make an Appropriation to Pay the Expense Thereof.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Appointment of. SECTION 1. That a commissioner of immigration for the state of Iowa shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice of the executive council, who shall hold his office for the period of two years from the first day of May, 1880.

Keep an office at Des Moines, etc. SEC. 2. Said commissioner shall keep an office in the city of Des Moines, and shall give his time and attention to such efforts as may be specially approved by the executive council to induce capital and industry to seek investment and employment in the development and improvement of the agricultural, manufacturing and mining resources of the state.

\$10,000 appropriated. SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars a year for two years, to be expended by such commissioner, under the general direction and special approval of the executive council, in showing to the people of the United States the natural advantages and resources of the state of Iowa. Said money to be drawn from time to time upon the recommendation of the governor, which shall include the salary of the commissioner.

Expended under direction of executive council.

How drawn.

SEC. 4. At the expiration of each three months after his appointment such commissioner shall make and file in the office of the auditor of the state an itemized statement, duly verified by his oath, showing when, to whom, and for what purpose the funds drawn by him have been expended. File an itemized statement with auditor.

SEC. 5. Said commissioner shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly. \$1,200 salary.

SEC. 6. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Iowa State Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa. Publication.

Approved, March 26, 1880.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register*, April 2, and in the *Iowa State Leader*, April 5, 1880.

J. A. T. HULL, *Secretary of State*.

CHAPTER 169.

SLEEPING-CARS.

AN ACT to Facilitate Business with Railroad and Sleeping-Car Companies Running or Operating Sleeping-Cars on Lines Terminating in this State. H. F. 578.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That all railroad and sleeping-car companies running or operating sleepers or sleeping-cars within this state, upon railroads terminating therein, shall establish, maintain, and keep open to the public at such termini, ticket offices at accessible and convenient places, in which they shall keep a diagram of the berths and state-rooms in such sleepers or sleeping-cars, and shall at all times during the day-time keep such offices open for the sale of tickets for such berths and state-rooms. Shall keep open ticket offices for sale of tickets for berths.

SEC. 2. If any officer, agent, employe, or lessee, engaged in operating any sleeper or sleeping-car line, terminating, or operated within the state of Iowa, shall refuse or neglect to comply with any of the provisions or requirements of section 1 of this act, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, and may be imprisoned not more than six months. Penalty for refusing to keep open such offices.

SEC. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Reg- Publication.